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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: RATTE ET AL.

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EXAMINER: R. ALEJANDRO

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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed September 25, 2007, the Examiner allowed claims 6-21. Although the applicants' attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicants' attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

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